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British Motoring Festival Best of Show, John Baldwin's 1957 AC Ace Bristol
Best of Show award presented to Anne Baldwin by Colin McCormick.





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick



Our British Motoring Festival in downtown Covington LA on March 23rd was a resounding success! We enjoyed perfect weather, and our 165 cars and motorcycles in 27 classes gave the town an exhibition of classic British machines the likes of which they had never seen. Participants raved about our new venue, the Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead, Covington's Firehouse Events Center and surrounding streets. We had numerous visitors who just came to enjoy our cars, and Covington's Mayor Mark Johnson invited us for a return visit next year. He even promised us more street space. Start planning now to get your classic ready for an even better Festival next year!

We had so many club members, spouses and friends who volunteered at the show, at least 70 people, and some who worked all day. An event like this would never be successful without such an effort. I want to especially acknowledge Lilly Stiegler, Linda Hughes, Cathy and Mark Greensfelder, Rachel and Chad Wicker, Mary Lynn and Rick Huber and Annette Franklin. That group seemed to be busy all day at the Firehouse. And special thanks to Paul Jaquillard for cooking jambalaya for our Friday night reception. It was delicious!

Our next big event is our annual crawfish boil. That's coming up on Sunday, May 5th at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville. Let's hope for good weather so we can drive there in our British cars. You'll find more information on that in this newsletter and in your email.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at Fontainebleau,

Colin McCormick
BMCNO President



Car Show Chairman's Message by Cliff Hughes



Blue skies, perfect temperatures and beautiful British cars! What more can you ask for? And we have a lot more to be thankful for. Thanks to our many volunteers, our sponsors and our donors for making this the best New Orleans British car show ever! Without them, our British Motoring Festival would not have happened at all. And special recognition to Bill Nix for bringing his British phone booth! It added a lot to the photos and the atmosphere. Thanks to Dean Duplantier for his relationship with the city of Covington and working to allow us to use the Trailhead, Firehouse and surrounding streets. And special thanks to Covington Mayor Mark Johnson and Cultural Arts & Events Director Sarada Bonnett. They were so impressed that they asked for us to come back, and we've already begun discussions with the city for next year. And once again a big shout out to all of the volunteers, donors and sponsors for making this a tremendously successful event!



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BMCNO Upcoming Events

We can all take a breath and relax a bit, now that our car show is behind us. But it's a busy time of year for car club activities, before it gets too hot! Here's a look at events right around the corner, and a couple to mark on your calendar and plan for later in the year. Flyers for two local car events this weekend are on pages 41 and 42. —Greg Roussel



NOLA Speed Tour Vintage Racing and more coming to NOLA Motorsports Park in Avondale on April 12-14, 2024. Some of us attended last year and it was well worth it. Part of the racing weekend is the Cars & Caffeine car show on Saturday sponsored by Hagerty. Arrive together to if you'd like to park together. Find out more at <https://speedtour.net/nola/>.

Natchez Concours d'Elegance coming up on April 20th, is open to all European cars and motorcycles 20 years and older and all Classic Car Club of America eligible vehicles. Hosted by Natchez' local Brit Richard Branyan and the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club. Register now and find information at <https://natchezconcours.com/>.



Brits on the Bay in Pensacola, also on April 20th. Many of our members participate in this All British car show in Pensacola's Seville Square just a few feet from the Gulf of Mexico. It will be the Panhandle British Car Association's 29th show. You can find more information and register now at <https://www.pbca1.com>.





MORE BMCNO Upcoming Events



BMCNO Crawfish Boil, another one of our club's long traditions, will be on Cinco de Mayo, Sunday, May 5th at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville. Looks like we'll have crawfish! \$20 payment in advance coming to our website or pay your local rep. We know it will be another fun drive in your British car from wherever you are, and it's likely to be the usual big turnout, so we've reserved the big pavilion. We'll send out an email regarding online payment.

BAY ST. LOUIS CRUISE is being planned for June 8th and the Second Saturday Art Walk . We'll meet up at a TBD location in Slidell and drive together. Enjoy the galleries, shops and restaurants, or just hang out and maybe take a walk on the beach.



BRITS ON THE BLUFF in Natchez is Saturday, September 21st. Presented by the Mississippi English Motoring Club, it's their 27th annual show. Many of our BMCNO members will drive up together for the Friday night party and spend the weekend.

BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL in Fairhope, Alabama is Saturday, October 19th, and another weekend trip many of our members enjoy Presented by the South Alabama British Car Club, the show will celebrate 65 years of Mini. Find more info and registration at <https://sabcc.org/british-car-festival>.





Monthly Club Meetings

Baton Rouge

2nd Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy at Lobdell, BR

Northshore

3rd Wednesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Coscino's Italian Grill, 1809 N Causeway, Mandeville

South Shore

Last Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Original Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan



BMCNO Cars and Coffee

South Shore

First and third Saturday of every month 8 a.m. Chateau Coffee Café, 139 Allen Toussaint Blvd, N.O.

NorthShore

Every Saturday at 8 a.m., Liz's Where Y'at Diner 2500 Florida St, Mandeville

Baton Rouge

Every Saturday at 7 a.m., The Warehouse Restaurant, 12328 S Choctaw Dr, Baton Rouge





April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 N.O, NS & BR Cars & Coffee Jackson Show
7	8	9 BR Meeting	10	11	12 NOLA SpeedTour	13 Cars & Coffee BR & NS NOLA SpeedTour
14 NOLA SpeedTour	15	16	17 Mandeville Meeting	18	19	20 NS BR and N.O. Cars & Coffee Natchez and Pensacola Shows
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Cars & Coffee BR & NS
28	29	30 Harahan Meeting				

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 N.O, NS & BR Cars & Coffee
5 CRAWFISH BOIL Noon at Fontainebleau	6	7	8	9	10	11 Cars & Coffee BR & NS
12	13	14 BR Meeting	15 Mandeville Meeting	16	17	18 NS BR and N.O. Cars & Coffee
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Cars & Coffee BR & NS
26	27	28 Harahan Meeting	29	30	31	





March Monthly Meetings

It was pretty much all business at our meetings last month as we prepared for the days leading up to our British Motoring Festival. The Baton Rouge meeting March 12th at Cafe' American was a full house, and the group worked to put together all the goodie bags for the show, filling them with donated items, and donating many items themselves. The guys worked out the logistics for the Valve Cover Races and made sure everything was in order

In Harahan on March 19th area coordinator Andrew Doran took a turn to run the meeting using our new projector and a PowerPoint presentation. He went over our website and Facebook pages, and the group also viewed a few vintage car videos. Chris Landry spoke on how to register your car for an antique plate and how to get a period correct license plate, i.e. 1958, 1962, etc. The group discussed the car show events for Friday and Saturday, and reviewed the map, directions and the meeting place to caravan.

March 20th in Mandeville, after dinner and car talk at Coscino's, Benny, Colin and Cliff used the rest of the meeting to review the show layout, where all the different classes of cars were going to park, and how we were going to fit so many cars and get them all in there in time and in order. We knew then there were 135 cars registered and more expected, so there was a bit of anxiety about how that tall task would work. It helped a great deal that Dean Duplantier used his professional skills to draw a detailed map of the parking areas. All the assignments of our volunteers were reviewed and we did our best to explain how things would happen. This was the first year our Northshore group pretty much ran the show, but the group does have members who have worked on many of our car shows in the past. Even with the first time jitters, everyone still felt like it would be an awesome car show..





British Motoring Festival Receives Public Praise!



Thanks for all the compliments regarding our British Motoring Festival! These are taken from Covington Mayor Mark Johnson's newsletter and Facebook posts. Job well done, BMCNO members!

British Motor Club of New Orleans ...

Rolls Royces, vintage Jaguars, McClarens, MGs and Triumphs, over 150 beautiful and incredibly unique cars graced our Trailhead. Our fingers are crossed they will return next year with their wonderful British Motoring Festival.



Martha Johnston

It was a wonderful show and we loved being in Covington!! 🇬🇧



Top fan

Karen Kramer Johnson
It was amazing!



Amy Brock Moran

Thank you for organizing such a fun event! Our family had a blast!



Claudia Zichichi Jeffrey
It really was a great show



Lesli F Fumar, Realtor · Follow

Beautiful day and beautiful cars!



Karen Greene Vezina

Great show!



Top fan

Gina McCreary Rowbatham
What a fantastic display!!!



Matt Lewis

Can we look for one next year???



Leslie Durio

It was SO fun! 🥰❤️



The English Tea Room ·



James K Clark

Enjoyed, Great venue well done. Donna, Blitz, and myself had a wonderful day. Thanks for the hard work.



John Beyl
Great show!



Robbie Robertson

Great Show in a great place with the city backing us up. Appreciate all the work the members did.



Janel Sowell
What fun!!



Mardelle Groome-Stiegler

Been to many of the shows in past years. This is the best one to date. Had a great time!



Mary Brown

One after another beautiful, shiny sleek cars. So much integrity in their design...by comparison, all other cars in town today seemed primitive and clunky! I feel the same way about my Raleigh bicycle. I just made a pass by, but they seemed like nice people too.



Larry Bergeron

March 25 at 5:10PM · 🌐

Great British car show in Covington Sunday. I want one



Milo Cletus Bailey

best show i've been too! 🇬🇧
can't wait till next year

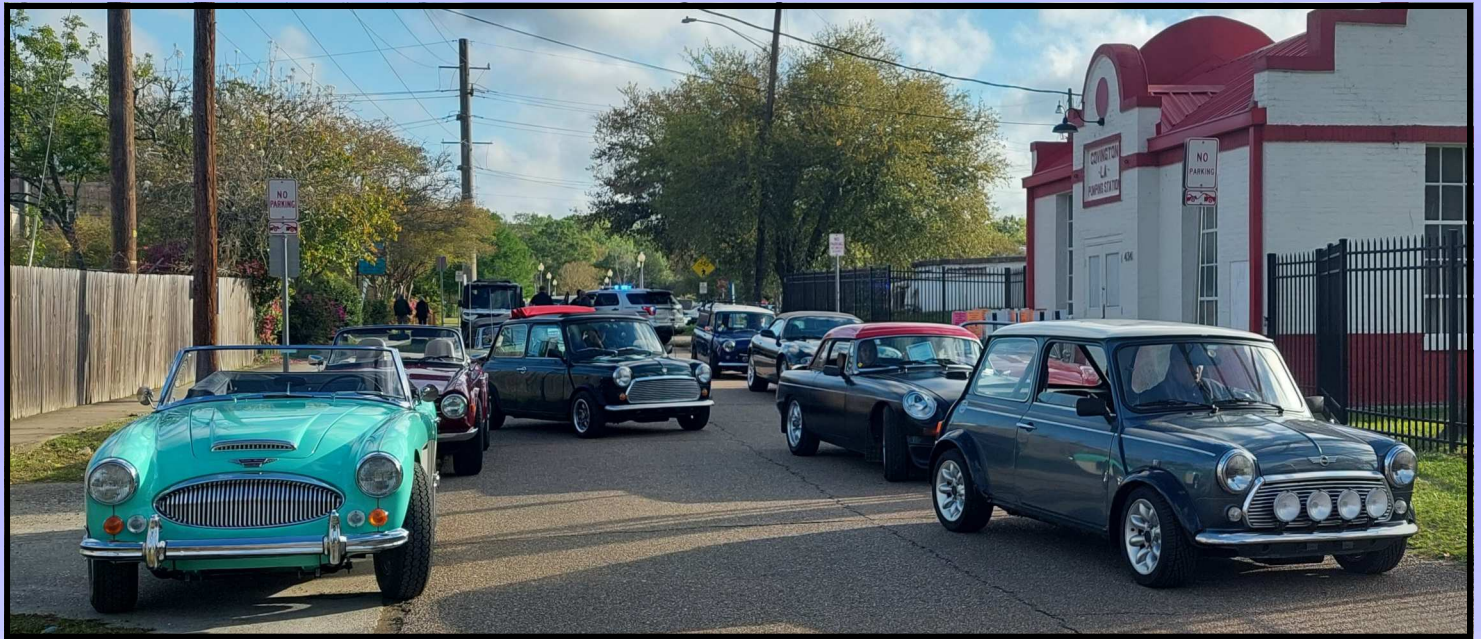


Tanya Marie





Scenes from our 2024 British Motoring Festival













British Motoring Festival

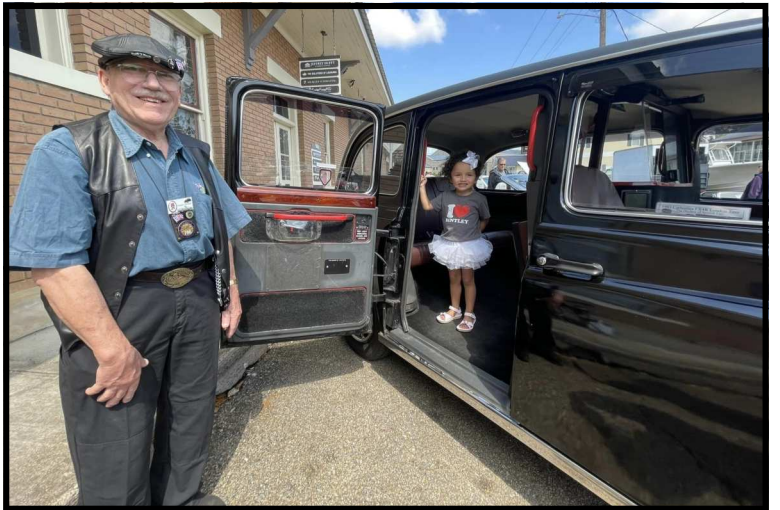
Covington Trailhead

March 23, 2024



British Motoring Club New Orleans









This page has screenshots from YouTube videos made by club members Bruce Balough and Chris Savoy.

Follow these links to watch.

- <https://youtu.be/9K1wwxFu9WY?si=njE5NA8tjWRiRNZJ>
- <https://youtu.be/lks9m7rMoAk?si=LmyOTDDnd0WWThd3>

Professional photographer and club member Phillip Colwart shot the entry photos and they are on his website at <https://phillipcolwartphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/BMCNO-Car-Show-2024/>.

Many more photos, including all the entry photos can be found on our website at <https://www.bmcno.org/> and on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BMCNO/>.



2024 British Motoring Festival Awards



Best of Show

Sponsored by Bill Nix's Special Edition Garage

John Baldwin 1957 AC Ace Bristol

Austin Healey 100, 100-6, 3000

**Sponsored by Rae Ben International
and Dan McGovern**

1 Peter Brauen 1964 Austin Healey 3000 MkIII

2 Terry Lopez 1966 Austin Healey 3000

3 William Jackson 1959 Austin Healey 100-6



Austin Healey Sprite

**Sponsored by Central Electornics, LLC
and Allan & Babs**

1 Cameron Duplantier 1958 Austin Healey Sprite

2 Bernard Stiegler 1967 Austin Healey Sprite

3 Richard Gilly 1961 Austin Healey Sprite





MG Midget

**Sponsored by Baldwin Motors
and William Sims**

- 1 Paul Jaquillard 1968 MG Midget**
- 2 Bryan Scuderi 1979 MG Midget**
- 3 Daniel McGovern 1977 MG Midget**

MG T

**Sponsored by Supreme Auto Group
and Les Landon**

- 1 Roger Jeffrey 1950 MG TD**
- 2 Tom McMillan 1946 MG TC**
- 3 Vincent J Dantone 1951 MG TD**



Pre-war

**Sponsored by Supreme Auto Group
and the Shipping Post**

- 1 James Hester 1930 MG M Type**
- 2 Marc Zebouni 1930 Austin Seven Chummy**

MGA 1600 MkII (60-62)

Sponsored In Memory of Celia McCormick

- 1 Harry Barkerding 1962 MGA 1600 MkII**
- 2 Bob Gordon 1962 MGA 1600 MkII**
- 3 Robb Ogletree 1962 MGA 1600 MkII**





MGA 1500 & 1600 (thru 60)

Sponsored by English Tea Room & Eatery and Hughes & Company

- 1 Richard Gaudry 1959 MGA**
- 2 James Clark 1958 MGA 1500**
- 2 Tom Halbert 1959 MGA 1600**

MGB & C Chrome Bumper (71-74)

Sponsored by Hughes & Company and Hamarick Classics

- 1 Blake Sonnier 1972 MGB**
- 2 Gene Johnston 1971 MGB**
- 3 Wally Friloux 1971 MGB**



MGB & C Chrome Bumper (62-70)

Sponsored by Pontchartrain Collision and Steven and Pam Lane

- 1 Chris Landry 1967 MGB**
- 2 Mark F. Huber 1966 MGB**
- 3 Allen Bradley 1970 MGB**



MGB Rubber Bumper

Sponsored by BMC Restorations and In Honor of John Fowler

- 1 T. Keith Vezina 1976 MGB & Portable Pub**
- 2 Hugh Coleman 1978 MGB**
- 3 Michele Savoy 1977 MGB**





MGB/GT & MGC/GT

**Sponsored by Central Electronics
and Chad & Rachel Wicker**

- 1 Hans J. Hassinger 1972 MGB/GT**
- 2 David Jones 1972 MGB/GT**
- 3 Rob Stevenson 1972 MGB/GT**



Triumph TR2, 3, 4, 250

**Sponsored by The Original Italian Pie
and Steven and Pam Lane**

- 1 Jeff Herndon 1957 Triumph TR3**
- 2 Russell Bernard 1962 Triumph TR3B**



Triumph TR6 Late (from 75)

**Sponsored by Supreme Auto Group
and Benny & Lilly Stiegler**

- 1 Robert Torn 1975 Triumph TR6**
- 2 Brad Lively 1975 Triumph TR6**
- 3 Marc Schmitz 1976 Triumph TR6**



Triumph TR6 Early (thru 74)

**Sponsored by Roger & Claudia Jeffrey
and A Friend of BMCNO**

- 1 Ken "Poolboy" Dolhonde 1973 Triumph TR6**
- 1 Henry Restarick 1974 Triumph TR6**
- 2 Bill McQuade 1974 Triumph TR6**





Triumph Spitfire

Sponsored by R and M Children's Books and Charlie Brown

- 1 Bernard Stiegler 1976 Triumph Spitfire**
- 2 Dan Allegre 1970 Triumph Spitfire**
- 3 Richard Mol 1970 Triumph Spitfire**



Jaguar Sports, Classic (48-74)

Sponsored by Renaissance Euro Fest and Shannon Allison DDS

- 1 Jeff Herndon 1954 Jaguar XK 120**
- 2 Bill Nix 1960 Jaguar XK150 DHC**
- 3 Dean Duplantier 1971 Jaguar E-Type**



Jaguar Sports, Millennial (2007+)

Sponsored by Central Electornics and O'Keefe Feed & Seed

- 1 Fred Duplech in 2008 Jaguar XKR Portfolio**
- 2 Janet Berry 2021 Jaguar F-Type**
- 3 Harry Barkerding 2014 Jaguar F-Type**



Jaguar Sports, Modern (75-2006)

Sponsored by A Friend of BMCNO and Stuart McKendrick

- 1 Gregory Roussel 1994 Jaguar XJS**
- 2 Wally Waguespack 2004 Jaguar XK8**
- 3 Wayne Campora 1966 Jaguar XJS**
- 3 Darrell Jackson 2005 Jaguar XK8**



Jaguar Saloons

**Sponsored by English Tea Room
and In Memory of Celia McCormick**

- 1 John Hans 1962 Jaguar Mark II**
- 2 Pat Cashman 1967 Jaguar 420G**
- 3 John Hans 1967 Jaguar Mark II**



Small Saloons

**Sponsored by BMC Restorations
and Brian Daly**

- 1 Cliff Hughes 1957 MG Magnette**
- 2 Allen Bradley 1957 MG Magnette ZB**
- 3 Danny Jones 1971 Reliant Bond Bug**
- 3 Richard Duperon 1966 Morris Minor Traveller**



Small Saloons - Mini

**Sponsored by Baldwin Motors
and John & Sally Brink**

- 1 John Lorio 1996 Rover Mini**
- 2 Robert Rougelot 1979 Mini Cooper**



Empire Sports Classic (thru 82)

**Sponsored by Renaissance Euro Fest
and Preston Marx, Jr.**

- 1 John Baldwin 1957 AC Ace Bristol**
- 2 Dean Duplantier 1964 Lotus Elan**
- 3 Jay Pellegrini Jr 1964 AC Cobra**





Empire Exotics Modern (from 83)

Sponsored by Central Electronics and Taber's Toybox

1 Michael Glore 2020 McLaren GT

1 Paul Tellarico 2020 Aston Martin Vantage

2 David Gandy 2020 McLaren 720s Spider



Large Saloons

Sponsored by Supreme Auto Group and Shannon Allison DDS

1 Robert Zabzdyr 1983 Carbodies FX4R (London Taxi)

2 Dan Moran 1962 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II

3 Paul Brouillette 1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow II

Modified & Competition

Sponsored by Pontchartrain Collision and Chad & Rachel Wicker

1 Robert Rougelot 1977 MGB V6 Chrome Conversion

2 Karl Keiger 1966 MG Midget Race Car

3 Taber Tompkins 2007 Caterham 7 SV



Motorcycle

Sponsored by Baldwin Motors and Den-Sal Properties

1 Donald David 1961 Triumph-Bonneville

2 Mike Herford 1974 Norton Commando Fastback

3 Donald David 1950 Triumph Thunderbird



Rover, Truck, Utility

**Sponsored by Baldwin Motors
and Central Electronics LLC**

- 1 Randy Flemming 1981 Austin Mini 1000 Van**
- 2 Bobby Robertson 1966 Land Rover Series ZA Diesel**
- 3 Mickey Slade 2004 Land Rover**



Small Saloons

- 3 Richard Duperon**
- 1966 Morris Minor Traveller**



Hard Luck

Williams Sims 2000 Jaguar XK8

**Bill's battery died half way to the show.
It took him 30 minutes to fix it!**

Mayor's Choice

Bill Nix 1960 Jaguar XK150 DHC

**This one was the one Covington Mayor Mark
Johnson said he wanted to drive home!!**

50/50 drawing

Daniel Marks won \$270 in the drawing.





BMCNO Cars and Coffee

Saturday, March 9th Baton Rouge and Northshore members met at the Yellow Bird Cafe in Hammond for breakfast. We had a nice cruise from Denham Springs on Hwy 190, cool but NO rain! Northshore group met at Hannan High. Colin's brake fluid was leaking so he went back to Mandeville. About 13 cars and many more members attended. Great food, good conversation and we lined up for a photo op afterward.





MORE BMCNO Cars and Coffee

Early on March 30th our BMCNO Cars and Coffee in Mandeville and outstanding weather brought out nearly two dozen club members, filling the parking lot on Florida Street with great little British cars. We come for the coffee and stay for the cars. After breakfast, a 40-mile drive took us through the countryside north of Abita Springs, ending at a model train expo at the American Legion Hall in Covington. Grown men playing with toys---ha! —Meandering Muckraker





Southshore Cars and Coffee Report



April 6th beautiful weather brought out 10 LBCs (and a Fiat) to Cars and Coffee at the Chateau Coffee Cafe. After the breakfast, Allan suggested we head over to the Corvette Club Car Show at Lafreniere Park, so Roger Jeffrey led the way down Veterans Blvd. to check out the Vettes!

—Bob Gordon





More Cars and Coffee
April 6th in Baton Rouge
by Bobby Spann

Where was everyone today? We had a nice but small crowd at the Warehouse the morning of April 6th for their (free) appreciation breakfast, then Danny and I took off (tops down) for the drive to Jackson, Louisiana and the big car show there.

The back roads were beautiful, and we zipped up there in no time. Got parking spaces and saved two for Benny and Colin, who ended up not coming because Benny had a screw loose in his head (dental implant screw fell out). We parked next to "Spitfire Matt" —the guy who came by breakfast one time in his Spitfire... anyway he now has a beautiful metallic green TR-6 with THREE side draft Webers on it!



Also saw Darrel Yoes in his little tube frame open wheel car and had a street rod too. Chatted with several people who had British cars and looking for a club, or were looking for a LBC. We didn't win any prizes but did enjoy the day and the clean, spacious, *air-conditioned* bathrooms! Man, that mobile trailer was fine! We checked out the model trains and they were too cool...

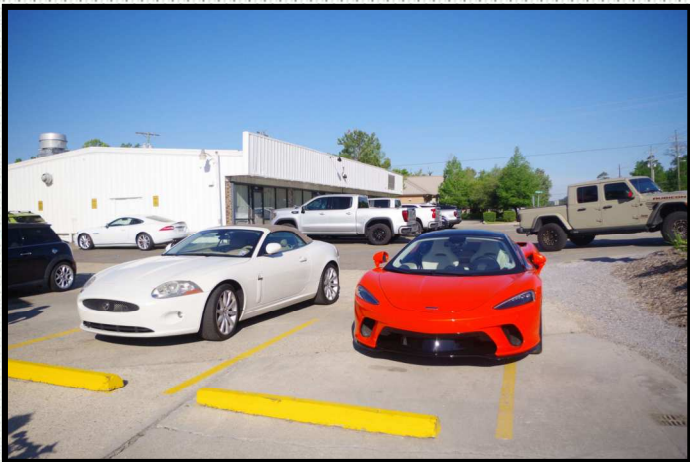


Only About 1/2 - 2/3 the number of cars that were there last year. But they had 6 food vendors, live music, arts and crafts... and the hand-made trophies were fashioned out of car parts! My friend Puddin won two awards - Best Paint and Best pre-49. Darryl won a trophy with his Hudson, too. Danny talked to the guy with the distillery and got information on enough things in Jackson to make it a worthwhile one-day destination cruise.





The usual overflow crowd showed up Saturday, April 6th for Cars and Coffee at Liz's in Mandeville. The parking lot was filled with LBCs, plus David's newly acquired Alfa. Great weather compelled some of the guys to make an out of the way drive winding across Highway 40 and ending in Abita Springs.



Covington St. Patrick's Day Parade

What a great day March 16th turned out to be for the Covington Celtic Club's 6th annual parade! BMCNO members have participated every year and had nine cars in the parade this year. Carol Benson and Wayne Garness had this year's Grand Marshal, LSU gymnast Sierra Ballard, riding their Jaguar. Daniel Moran and his family led the way in their big white Rolls Royce. Daniel is a member of our club and the Celtic Club. Watch a video of the day created by Chris Savoy with this link: <https://youtu.be/IVbDdny94OE?>







BLAST FROM THE PAST



From our April 1994 Morris Gazette Newsletter

4th ANNUAL CAR DAY REPORT

The reception was handled very well by Cort's wife, Mary Ann. However, we just could not get enough club members to bring in the wonderful food which they had prepared in the past. The club had to purchase some food. For those members who did bring cover dishes, deserts, etc., a big thanks! For those who could have done so and did not, thanks for nothing! And if you enjoyed the food made available to you at the reception and brought nothing when you well could have brought a dish: Thanks for Nothing! Next time try McDonald's place.



Racing with Robbie by Robbie Robertson

The Sebring Experience

Mention Sebring to a road racer and they will know of the history, fame and the hard racing that has taken place over the last seven decades.

I attended my first 12 Hours of Sebring as a college freshman in 1962. A college friend lived close to the track and invited me to come with him. Gary Robertson, no kin, but we became lifelong friends. During that 1962 race, I got to see my hero Phil Hill race with Oliver Gendobien in a Ferrari 250 SWB against Graham Hill, Roger Penske in a Cooper Maserati, and other famous drivers of that era. The other cars were TR-4, Sunbeam Alpine, AC Bristol, MGA, and a Briggs Cunningham Jag. A three-hour race on Friday featured Steve McQueen in a factory Sprite, Sterling Moss, and Denise McCluggage, yes, a woman, who helped start Competition Press & Autoweek, which I read for years. She wrote an article for Fuller Brush Magazine featuring Phil Hill and his Ferrari. That article opened my eyes to the existence of Sports Cars, thus changing my life.



Sebring and racing sports cars was the idea of Alec Ulmann, who made his fortune making landing gear for WW2 bombers. Which is apropos as the Sebring Airport was the training base for the flight crews of B-17's and B-24's.

The first race was six hours and won by a Crosley Hot Shot. Alec and his organization ran the 12 Hours Race from 1952 to 1972, when IMSA took over.

I attended the 1964 race and saw the Carroll Shelby Cobras dominate the race. I then returned in 1971 as a member of Alec's crew, working in the food tent for the workers. I saw the Porsche 917's race against the Ferrari 512's. Two MGB's did not finish due to a head gasket and out of place connecting rod.



Sebring '64, Cobras (above)



Pedro Rodriquez' Sebring '62 Ferrari eats a TR-4 (left)



More Racing with Robbie

It was at the 1971 Sebring race that I took a picture of Mario Andretti racing a prototype Ferrari 312. I entered the photo in the Road & Track photo contest and got an Honorable Mention for it.

The next year, 1972 I was a Pit Marshall for NART, North American Racing Team's Ferrari Daytona driven by Sam Posey and Tony Adamowicz (Nickname Tony "A to Z"). They finished in 13th place. Sam was the last driver of the day and we got concerned when he did not return with the other cars after the checkered flag. He finally arrived saying that he took his time as this was the last race under Ale Ulmann's leadership, and he wanted to reminisce about all the great drivers and cars that had preceded him.



My first race on the short SCCA course was August 19-20, 1978, where I finished second in F-Production and in the rain on slick tyres. In my logbook I noted "Fun." I liked rain racing. The next day, Sunday I did not finish due to electric problems, "Lucas" does it again!

I returned the next year, June 1979, winning the Saturday race. I noted in my logbook, "Cakewalk," Sunday was not as good as I blew the right rear brake cylinder, while leading. I could see the puff of smoke out of the rearview Wink Mirror and my foot go to the floor. Because the car started out as an early AH Sprite, now a 1973 MG Midget, it had a single master cylinder containing the brake and clutch. Thus, I lost the clutch also. I quickly geared down by revving the engine to match the gears (Strong crosscut gears) to slow down. I dodged the C-46 and Martin airplanes and got turned around to rejoin the race. I was able to get back to second place. However, how do I stop the car in the pits? I did not have a handbrake, as the previous owner had removed it. Well, I slowed down with the gearbox and turned the steering wheel really hard so that the slick tyres rubbed against the fenders. I then installed a double master cylinder system and added a hand brake.

"Live and Learn!"

This adventure came back to me after our recent British Car Festival in Covington as my 1959 Morris Minor lost it's brakes driving home to Slidell. Fortunately, I took the back roads to cut down the stoplights and traffic. Also, the Minor has a mechanical clutch, so I used a combination of gear ing down and using the hand-brake I had just tightened. The braking system was leaking at the right front brake caliper, an upgrade for this car.



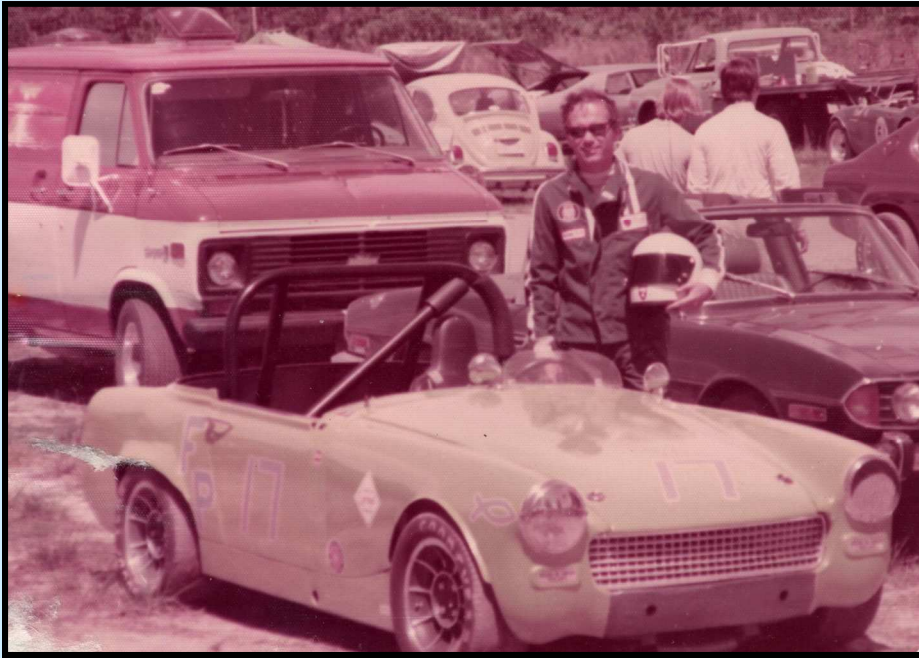
AH Sprite Factory Racer



...Racing with Robbie continued

My last race at Sebring, September 27-28, 1980 did not go well at all, as my MG Midget and I caught fire. I got nerfed by another car and spun out. As I was waiting for the corner worker to signal me back onto the racecourse, I smelled gasoline. Just then flames erupted and engulfed us in flames, starting on my left leg. I hit the kill switch, released my five-point harness, and turned to my fire bottle with my right hand releasing it from it's holder and climbed out of the car on the passenger side.

I was still on fire, so I thought, "I have 10 seconds with the drivers suit and 10 seconds with the Nomex underwear, Plenty of time!" I pulled the pin and set off the Purple K extinguisher aimed at myself and then the car. A corner worker helped put the fire out. I found that the gas filter had broken, and the electric fuel pump pumped gasoline all over the engine compartment until the gas hit the exhaust.



I stood there and waited for the race to end. I then realized that I had not and was not afraid. I had thought ahead as to where to mount the fire bottle, and in what direction so I could reach it quickly, and had shoes, gloves and suit that would give me time if a fire occurred. "Be Prepared" and I was never a Boy Scout. On the way home I stopped in a town that had a car wash and washed the residue from the fire bottle off the car so as not to concern Marian.

The experiences and adventures of racing my Austin Healey Sprite turned MG Midget to update safety and performance helped me in my Marketing Career, which was technical in nature.



I believe in Practical Knowledge.

Practical Knowledge is taking ideas, thoughts, concepts and inspiration from various disciplines and molding them into new ideas, thoughts or concepts to make life better, solve problems and help ourselves and other people!

Fellow BMCNO member, Marian and I have written three children's books that have been well received. You can learn more about us and the books at our website. There are icons on the website that will take you to Amazon to order them, or you can obtain signed copies and special pricing by emailing or calling me. BMCNO prices are \$13.00 per paperback, including sales tax. We don't make money on these because it costs so much to publish. I can deliver them to our monthly meeting on the Northshore or I will mail them for \$3.00. No, they are not about British Cars, but a future one might. —Robbie Robertson

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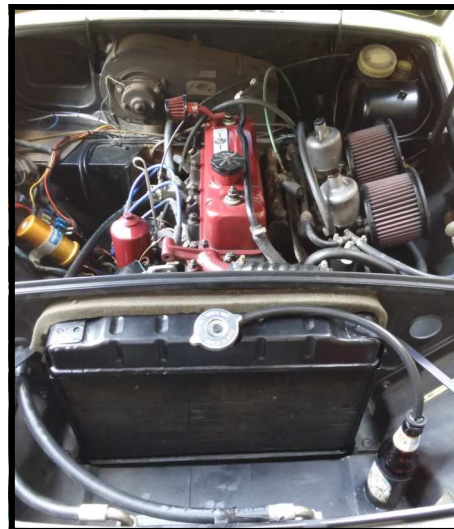
"Motor Shed Squad" is a TV reality restoration show filmed in the UK and is very interesting. One car they worked on was a Jaguar 150 sedan that needed a new clutch. But when they tried to drive it on the lift, the left rear knock-off spinner just spun! So the lady mechanic had to replace the stripped hub. Yep, the show features 5 women (2 hosts, a mechanic, trimmer, body & paint expert) and an "old school" mechanic who looks like he's 100 years old!



It is interesting to see what people drive over there. Like a fully original Ford Poplar (Anglia). Or a 1928 Ford hot rod roadster - with MGB running gear! It needed a new steering box, high-tension wire going into the coil and convertible top repair. A young guy brought in his Triumph Herald for a paint job and said he was a mechanic - had done a top end job on the motor and rebuilt the carburetor. But the engine compartment was filthy, and old paint was peeling off of the greasy valve cover... and the air cleaner was completely brown with surface rust?!

One thing that struck me was how meticulous we are with our little British cars over here. Maybe it's self-satisfaction or peer pressure from other club members, but most of us strive to do our best both mechanically *and* cosmetically. In my case - here are photos of the engine compartment of my '70 B when purchased from the original owner, and after I got through with it. Rattle cans and paint brushes are not that expensive!

Roving Reporter



Motor Shed Squad can be seen on MotorTrend TV.



Milton Franklin

Calling all British Motorcycle Owners



We've been working with others to increase the number of British Motorcycle owners. If you or anyone knows someone who owns a British Motorcycle please contact them about participating in our club. Milton Franklin, Baton Rouge, would like to organize motorcycle events for owners of British Motorcycles. Harley groups are always cruising the roads so we would like to start British motorcycle cruises. We would also like to increase the number of motorcycles at our Annual Car Show. So... Continue to look for British motorcycles to tell them about our club, and give out our business cards or direct them to our website. If you need more please contact Milton Franklin at densalprop@cox.net.





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All Car Club Picnic

Hosted By: New Orleans Model A's



Date: April 13, 2024

Place: Wally Pontiff Playground, 1521 Palm St, Metairie, LA 70001
Shelter # 5 (Same Spot as Previous Year)



Time: 11:00am – 3:00pm Rain or Shine (Food served at Noon)

Menu: Hot Dogs and Chili, Hamburgers, Beans, Chips, Soft Drinks and Bottled Water



Bring:

- Show Off Your Vintage Car
- Chairs
- Desserts to Share with Group



50/50 Raffle picked at 2:30pm



Hopefully No Rain

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Cost: \$150 per Car Club Donation

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Your host: the St Louis Triumph Owners Association

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- ◆ Winery tour
- ◆ Poker Run
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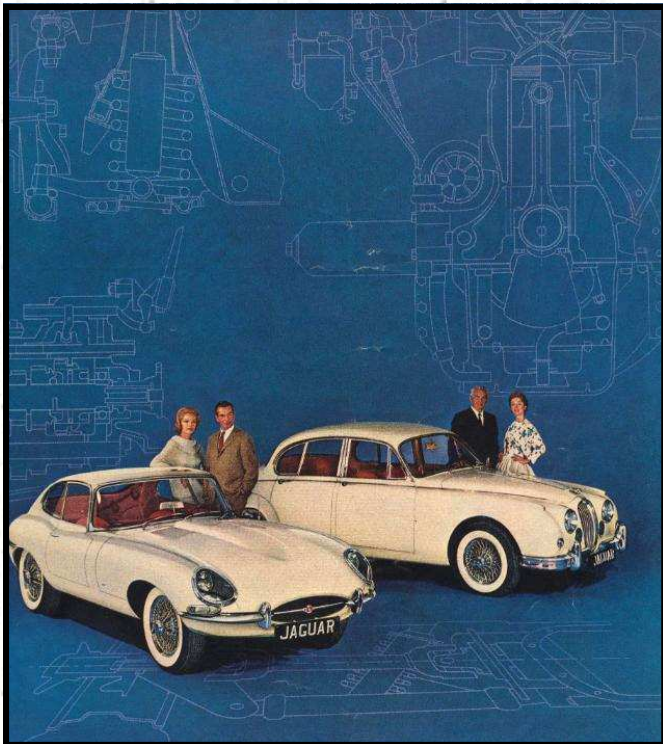


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Please list me as ICE, (In Case of Emergency) willing to render assistance to members who break down in my area. yes ___ no ___

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Membership - \$25 per year due July 1st.

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